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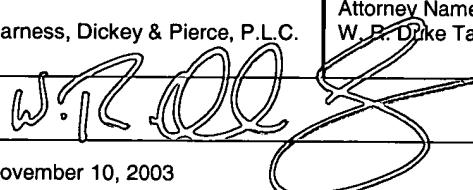
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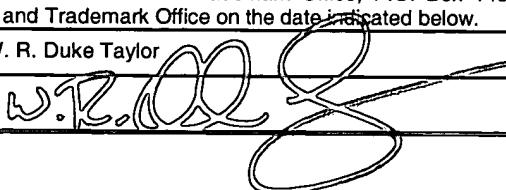
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The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

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D. This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

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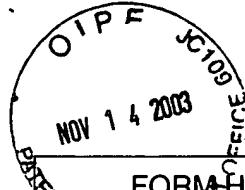
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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1.		3,192,630	07/1965	Dineson		
2.		5,539,994	07/1996	Milden		
3.		6,088,862	07/2000	Bulcock		
4.		6,122,788	09/2000	Bulcock		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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1.		38 13 293 A1	11/1988	Germany			
2.		100 05 762 A1	08/2001	Germany			
3.		297 15 967 U1	02/1999	Germany			
4.		201 02 674 U1	08/2002	Germany			
5.		0 195 529	12/1990	EPO			
6.		0 837 299 B1	02/2002	EPO			
7.		0 856 378 A2	08/1998	EPO			
8.		WO 02/08687 A1	01/2002	WIPO			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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ATTACHMENT TO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
Brief Description of Each Foreign Patent/Application

German Patent Application P 38 13 293.1 describes a measuring and marking device with a measuring tape with a sharp-edged tool member connected to its out end.

German Patent Application P 100 05 762.4 relates to a knife with a handle and a displaceable cutting member. The handle forms an interior space for receiving a tape measure which is essentially non-removably mounted within the handle.

German Utility Model No. 297 15 967 describes a manually operated screw driving tool with a handle member having an opening for insertion of a screw driver bit at its front end. Into the handle portion, a tape measure is integrated the tape.

German Utility Model No. 201 02 674 relates to a handle of a hand-held tool which handle is attached to a main body of the tool and comprises a magazine for additional accessories.

European Patent No. 0 195 529 relates to a tape measure with an actuating element provided on the housing and adapted to displace a marking element.

European Patent No. 0 837 299 relates to a device to be attached to a free end of a measuring tape.

European Patent Application 98101430.1 [EP 0 856 378 A2] relates to a tool having a measuring device or measuring devices and at least one straight-lined lay or abutment edge.